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1. Erich Kops, former head of the SED in Thuringia, is soon to be appointed as Minister to Hungary from the "German Democratic Republic".

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Comment: Erich Kops fought on the republican side in the Spanish civil war. Until recently he was co-chairman, with Heinrich Hoffmann, of the SED in Thuringia; but on 18 December 1949 both men were released by the Party Conference at Jena "for other important functions in the German Democratic Republic", and their functions were taken over by Erich Mückenberger and Otto Funke as "state secretaries" (Landessekretäre).

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